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In re application of: Fike *et al.* Confirmation No.: 5140
Appl. No.: 10/685,802 Art Unit: 1655
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For: Dry powder cells and cell culture reagents and Atty Docket: IVGN 174.3 DIV
methods of production thereof

Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the references listed on the accompanying PTO/SB08 form(s) may be material to the examination of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. The Examiner is requested to initial and return a copy of the accompanying PTO/SB08 form(s) in accordance with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 609.

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Also, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees that are required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned if there are questions or concerns regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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